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CRIT denounces California land-grab effort

Pledges to continue to vigorously fight any effort to take land from the Tribes

A group of non-Tribal members leasing land from CRIT have formed a group with the expressed goal of stripping away CRIT's land in California and challenging Tribal sovereignty.

The informal group has retained an attorney, and have gone to local and regional media outlets to argue that CRIT's boundaries do not extend into California.

CRIT's California boundary has been reinforced several times over by federal government action, so Tribal officials are not

concerned about the validity of the claim.

What's more concerning, said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr., is another example of outsiders trying to take away valuable land from the Tribes, as has been done in the past with damaging results.

"These misguided individuals seem intent on trying to repeat a sad history, where outsiders seeking economic gain try to steal our lands from us," Eddy Jr. said. "CRIT has always fought vigorously against such efforts, and we will fight this effort as well."

Robert Johnson, one of the leaders of the effort, is the operator of the Water Wheel Resort

on CRIT land in California.

Johnson purchased the resort knowing that it operated pursuant to a lease with CRIT, so he did not seem to have an issue with CRIT's ownership of the land at the time.

Johnson later stopped making their lease payments to CRIT, and the lease expired last year. When CRIT exercised its right to evict Johnson and seek the back rent owed to CRIT — revenue that would have gone to important Tribal services and programs — Johnson pursued legal action to question CRIT's authority.

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Events keep CRIT entertained



Mega Throw, La Paz County Fair two of the big March events in Parker

Two significant annual events took center stage on the CRIT Reservation in the month of March.

The Ase S'maav Mega Throw IV, a celebration of Mohave culture, was held on March 22 at the Ahakhav Tribal Preserve.

And the La Paz County Fair was once again held in mid-March at the CRIT-La Paz County Fairgrounds. See the inside of the paper for more photos from these great events.

(Above) CRIT youth participate in traditional dances at the Mega Throw.

(Right) La Paz County Fair Board Chairman Miquel Torres gives a plaque to CRIT Tribal Council members T.J. Laffoon and Eldred Enas at the fair's opening ceremony.



Wal-Mart signs lease, sends first payment to CRIT

Final prep work being done on site as construction planning moves forward

Wal-Mart has signed a lease with CRIT to build its new store in Parker, and has sent the first lease payment to the Tribes.

The signing was a final step in the long process to bring the store to the community and to begin to develop a new shopping center across from the Safeway Center on Highway 95.

CRIT officials estimate that construction of the shopping center could start as soon as mid-year, and the center would open in 2009.

"We're very pleased that we've reached this agreement with Wal-Mart," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr.

"This store and this shopping center will be an asset to our community, and we're happy to be

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News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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All that's missing from lessees' arguments are responsibility and logic

The arguments of those leasing CRIT lands in California who have formed a group to try to declare CRIT's Western Boundary invalid would almost be humorous if they weren't so dangerous.

These are individuals who knowingly entered into a lease agreement with CRIT, and are now claiming that our people do not own the land. These are people who, in many cases, have violated the terms of the very leases they signed, and later are somehow surprised when CRIT exercises its rights as a property owner.

These are people who have asked to make changes and modifications to CRIT properties in ways that would not benefit our people, and have been upset when CRIT exercises its right to say "no."

There's not much more of a plain way to say this — these people knew what they were doing when they signed their leases. They knew CRIT owns the property. They knew the terms of the leases. They willingly chose to violate the terms of those leases, knowing that there would be consequences. But when presented with a faulty legal argument that would allow them to steal our lands, their story changes. Responsibility and logic fly out the window, replaced by greed and opportunistic thinking.

What these folks have effectively become — as they seek to take land and revenues from our elders, our children and the critical needs of our people — is squatters, as some seek to stay on our land without paying fair market value for it. Frankly, we thought squatting had ended as a practice some 100 years ago. Instead, we're seeing the 21st century version.

But squatters they will not remain as CRIT will assert its legal rights, and its sovereignty, to ensure that those who use our lands, pay for those lands.

Our people seek cooperation, not confrontation. That's why CRIT enjoys strong business relationships with so many businesses and individuals who lease our lands. We appreciate the hard work, honesty and responsibility of those lessees who do things the right way. Yet, the irresponsibility of those who seek to take advantage of our people won't be met with inaction. It will be met with the strong will of a people, our patience and a legal structure that has given them every opportunity to avoid being the villains of such an unfortunate saga.

CRIT contributes \$30K for swimming pool

The CRIT Tribal Council presented a \$30,000 contribution to the Town of Parker to help fund repairs to the community swimming pool. The revenues were generated by the BlueWater Resort & Casino. As part of CRIT's gaming compact with the State of Arizona, CRIT is required to provide a tribal contribution that is a certain percentage of gaming funds.

Eighty-eight percent of those earmarked funds are mandated to go to the state. CRIT — and all tribes — have the option of keeping 12 percent of its contribution in its area rather than send it to Phoenix for state government.

The donation was presented to the Town of Parker in a ceremony at Tribal Council chambers on March 25.

"It is important to the Tribal Council to keep revenues from the BlueWater Resort & Casino in our community, and we want to make sure they were used in ways that would meet community needs," said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy, Jr. "The Parker community swimming pool has been in need of repairs for quite some time, and this contribution should help make it an



Marion Shontz, Town of Parker Council Member; Daniel Eddy, Jr., Tribal Chairman; Karen Bonds, Town of Parker Mayor; Eldred Enas, Tribal Vice-Chairman; Frank Hernandez, Town of Parker Council Member.

important asset for our children and families once again.

"The Town of Parker is very pleased to receive such a generous donation from the Colorado River Indian Tribes," said Parker Mayor Karen Bonds. "This donation will greatly assist the Town of Parker's efforts to complete the pool project."

In previous years, CRIT has helped fund construction of new facilities at the La Paz County Regional Medical Center.

Vice Chairman testifies to Senate committee

Details problems CRIT has faced in dealing with BIA on law enforcement

CRIT is in critical need of more Federal Government assistance when it comes to law enforcement issues, Vice Chairman Eldred Enas told the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in testimony in March.

Enas' testimony, which took place at a special Indian Affairs Committee meeting on the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, outlined some of the problems CRIT and other tribes are facing when it comes to working with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"CRIT is facing the same dilemma as many Indian tribes across the nation — its Tribal Justice System is severely under-funded by the Federal Government," Enas said.

He pointed out that CRIT is responsible for paying for 70 percent of all law-enforcement costs, despite BIA pledges and administrative actions that would have the organization cover a

larger share.

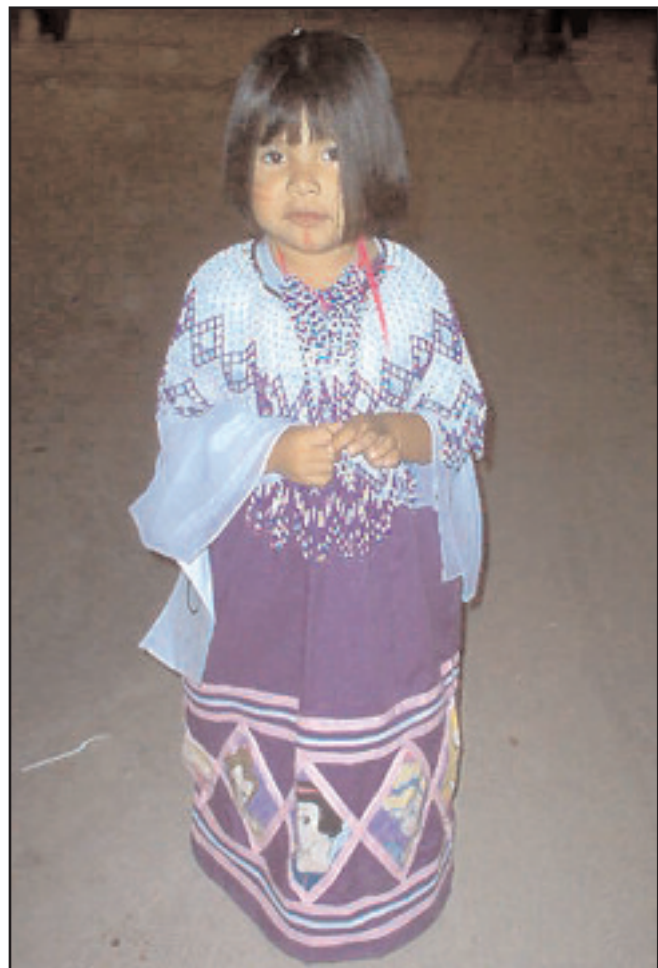
These shortfalls create significant problems in areas such as juvenile detention. CRIT currently is forced to send juvenile offenders to Globe for incarceration, more than 250 miles away from Parker.

That's in direct conflict with federal guidelines that state juveniles should not be sent more than 200 miles from home — but CRIT's options in dealing with the issue are few because of budget shortfalls.

CRIT is also facing extreme financial burdens when it comes to adult incarceration, Enas said. And, CRIT has problems with turnover with its uniformed police officers because it can't compete with other agencies.

"It is evident the BIA is failing in its fiduciary and other obligations to CRIT," Enas concluded. "The shortfall in law enforcement and detention funding exposes CRIT to very serious problems as a diminished public safety presence on the Reservation."

Entertainment takes center stage in Photo Contest



Submit now, win in June

First place in the April photo contest went to Kaitlyn Humeumptewa for her picture of Joyce Dick and Chloe the Clown at the 2008 La Paz County Fair (top left). She will receive \$100.

Second prize went to Carrie Talaswaima for her picture of her daughter, Leanne "Baby Henry" Talaswaima (top right). She receives \$50.

Third place goes to Shayne Takala for his photo of Ryan "Deo" Takala playing guitar (bottom left). He will receive \$25 for his entry.

Honorable mention goes to:

- Mollie Salgada for her photo of Cheyanne Salgada holding newborn brother Donnie (middle right).

- Gary Polacca for his photo of Storm Polacca taking a break during a mountain climb (bottom right).

The deadline for submissions for the June issue is May 15. You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7144 E. Stetson Drive Suite 400, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, you may just e-mail the entry to feedback@critonline.com.



EXCEL Group opens ‘Welcome Center’ in town of Parker

The EXCEL Group is very proud to announce the Grand Opening of its Welcome Center. A formal grand opening ceremony was held in February.

The EXCEL group offers a comprehensive array of behavioral health services for all populations. In addition, it operates housing, vocational training, prevention, healthy families, substance abuse and primary health care programs serving Yuma and La Paz Counties.

The Welcome Center is located at 1020 Kofa, in the same building as the EXCEL Group's Mental Health Clinic. The entrance to the Welcome Center is at the south side of the building through the doorway identified as the Parker Welcome Center.

The Welcome Center offers all members of the community access to information, referrals, assistance in connection with services in the community, and whatever supports and direction may be needed by the individual or family.

Emergency food supplies as well as services to address any emergency hygiene issues can also be provided. Those who may also need Mental Health services can be directly enrolled into services at EXCEL or referred to any other mental health provider in our community.

EXCEL also provides emergency hygiene kits for those in need of them. However, the availability of these goods depends on the community's donation efforts.

Canned food and hygiene products such as towels, soap, toothbrushes, combs and the like are much needed. Please drop them off during our business hours.

EXCEL's goal is to ensure those who come to the Welcome Center leave the center with more hope, more information, and a plan for greater success. Anyone can make a referral to the Welcome Center, and any questions may be directed to the EXCEL Group phone at (928) 669-6669.

Enrollment reminder for CRIT and AHCCCS

CRIT would like to remind everyone eligible to register for Tribal membership, if not done already, and for the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System if needed.

For Tribal membership, please pick up an Enrollment Packet from the Enrollment Office. Birth Certificates are needed for both CRIT and AHCCCS enrollment.

Birth certificates costs \$10. Please contact CRIT Child Protective Services for possible available assistance funds.

CRIT's Department of Health Services can assist with AHCCCS enrollment. All qualified individuals should enroll at the earliest convenience.

Indian Health Services also has a support staff to assist with AHCCCS enrollment.

CRIT man featured in language film



CRIT's Johnny Hill, Jr. was featured in "The Linguists," a film that made its debut at the Sundance Film Festival. Hill attended and spoke along with Co-Director Seth Kramer.

‘The Linguists’ shown at Sundance Film Festival, met with wide acclaim

CRIT member Johnny Hill, Jr. was featured in the movie "The Linguists," which made its debut at the world-famous Sundance Film Festival in Utah this February.

The film tracks two scientists as they go around the world trying to capture dying languages, a journey that takes them to places such as Taiwan, India, Siberia and Africa.

Hill was interviewed for the film because of his knowledge of the Chemehuevi language — the only language in the United States that was featured in the film. It has been designated as a language on the verge of extinction by many linguists, along with hundreds of other Native American languages.

Hill said that the scientists in the film learned about him from a short film he did several years ago on the language.

"It was a great experience to go to something like that," he said. "I was very honored to be able to speak."

Hill said it was his first time ever being in snow. He and others involved in the film showed seven screenings, and answered questions after each presentation. Hill also spoke to the audiences in Chemehuevi to give them a sense of what the language sounds like.

According to the film, there are more than 7,000 languages in the world today — but estimates are that one language dies every two weeks, as its speakers pass away.

"It was a good eye-opening film," Hill said. "Everyone has a language, and they need to think about it and learn it."

Hill has long been involved with efforts to save the Chemehuevi language. He is currently

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**— Johnny Hill, Jr.
CRIT Tribal member who appeared in the film "The Linguists"**

working on a project with the University of Arizona to preserve the language, and took part in the development of a Chemehuevi dictionary.

"It feels like we're making progress, but I wish other people would make more of an attempt to learn the language," he said. "They don't know what they're missing out on. It's a very special feeling to have the knowledge of a language like that."

Hill was raised speaking Chemehuevi only, and didn't learn English until going to school for a few years. He said that children picked on him when he was little because of his lack of understanding of English — until Hill would beat them in a fight. Then, they inevitably became his friends.

Hill has also been featured in *Smithsonian Magazine's* online edition discussing the Chemehuevi language.

"It's a sad feeling," he said of the lack of other Chemehuevi speakers. "There's just no one to talk to."

"The Linguists" was named one of the top 20 films at the Sundance Film Festival this year, and has been met with wide critical acclaim.

For more information on the film, visit the film's web site at www.thelinguists.com.

New HR Director looks to help employees

Mike Eigenbrodt believes that as CRIT's new Human Resources Director, he has an obligation to communicate to Tribal members and employees. And not just in the traditional ways one might think of.

"CRIT is a family business in many ways," he said. "The Tribal Government is here to serve members, and that's why the communication has got to be there."

As a result, Eigenbrodt has increased communications coming out of the Human Resources (formerly Personnel) Department, including posting job vacancies on the web site and in the *Manataba Messenger*.

He is also focused on more performance reviews, increased orientation, and better defining job descriptions so that people can understand their roles.

But above and beyond that, Eigenbrodt is

bringing his previous experience as a financial planner to the table by providing after-hours programs on subjects such as estate planning, investing, credit and budgeting.

"We need to make sure we are giving our employees the tools they need so that they can make educated decisions," he said.

Eigenbrodt, who began his work in January, said that he's enjoying being a part of CRIT. He said that his workload has been heavy because the position was vacant for some time.

"I like being here," he said. "Every day there's something new going on, but there are a lot of things I've dealt with in the past with other organizations."

Eigenbrodt said that several other significant Tribal vacancies are still open and will be filled shortly, including hiring a new Tribal Comptroller.

Tribal member starts construction business



Alvin Ameelyenah says his truck is his office. He started Rez Workz Construction about a year ago.

Alvin Ameelyenah says that the old attitude about construction in Indian Country isn't for him.

"I grew up here and built a lot of houses," he said. "The old attitude was 'They're only Indian houses.' I want to give people something better, and not cut corners."

That's why Ameelyenah started his own company, Rez Workz Construction, about a year ago. Since that time, he's worked on a number of significant projects in the Parker area.

So far, he says that business has been fairly good, although he's had to deal with some of the challenges inherent in running your own company.

"The paperwork part has been the roughest," he said. "My wife is doing a lot of the administrative stuff. We're family owned and run."

Ameelyenah's projects have included houses in the area, construction of a new

building at a local Christian school and the second phase of the CRIT Library renovation.

He said he likes to work on a little bit of everything, including roofing, home construction and other areas.

Ameelyenah has been in construction for a total of eight years, having worked with construction labor unions in the past and on other construction-related projects.

He said that starting his own business was a challenging endeavor, but something that has been worth it.

"I just got tired of doing it for other people and always wanted to start my own business," he said. "It's rough in the beginning, but I'm glad I did it."

Ameelyenah said "my truck is my office," but those interested in getting a hold of him may call him at (928) 916-7759 or e-mail rez_workz@npgcable.com. He is a licensed, bonded and insured contractor.

Upcoming Events

BlueWater Resort & Casino events

- The BlueWater Resort & Casino 2008 Spring Classic will be held on April 12-13. The Southern California Speedboat Club (SCSC) is proud to present Championship Circle Boat Racing on the beautiful Colorado River. For more information on the event visit www.scsracing.com or contact Ross Wallach at (310) 318-4012 or rossdbos26@yahoo.com.

- The 7th Annual BlueWater Resort & Casino Indian Golf Tournament will be held on April 18-19. Native American players from Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico will come play the four-star Emerald Canyon course for part of the \$12,000 in prize money. For more information contact Stewart Eddy at (928) 669-2121.

- The 12th Annual Parker Open Golf Tournament will be held April 25, 26 and 28. This event takes place at the Emerald Canyon Golf Course. Contact Steve Benton at Emerald Canyon Golf Course for more details at (928) 667-3366.

- The 2008 APBA PWC National Tour Stop Rounds 1 & 2 come to BlueWater Resort & Casino on May 3-4. Come checkout personal watercraft (PWC) racing at its best. For more information contact Ross Wallach at the Racing Hotline at (310) 318-4012, e-mail at rossdbos26@yahoo.com or on the web at www.scsracing.com.

- On May 5, come join BlueWater for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Mariachi Esquelas, a three-piece mariachi group will be strolling around the Casino floor between the hours of 4-8 p.m. Also that same day in the Dig Lounge from 9 p.m. to midnight will be the Marlon Martin Orchestra.

- The 2008 BlueWater Gran Prix will take place on May 17. This is the "Superstar of Gran Prix Races" for motorcycles, quads and UTVs. For more information on the BlueWater Gran Prix contact Best in the Desert at (702) 457-5775 or online at www.bith.com.

- May 24 will mark the first of three outdoor concerts at the Amphitheatre. BlueWater Resort and Casino and The Sam Morrison Band present Turn The Page: The Ultimate Tribute to Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band." Joining Turn The Page is Parker's own Ma`Kaav Blues Band and from the bright lights of Las Vegas, The Larry Hall Project. Gates open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 8 p.m. Tickets go on sale soon in the Gift Shop for \$15 in advance and \$20 day-of-show.

Dig Lounge schedule

Beginning on April 1, the Dig Lounge bands will go back to six days a week Tuesday through Sunday. The hours will be 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, and on Friday and Saturday nights from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Karaoke with Billy Joe Preston will be held on Monday nights only beginning April 7 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The following are the groups performing in the Dig Lounge:

- April 1-6 — Vital Signs, with a female fronting a three-piece band playing classic

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Mega Throw IV celebrates music and culture



This year's Mega Throw would be the first event of its kind using the Aha'khav Preserve's pristine backdrop of mesquite, cottonwoods, and willows. Spectators took advantage of the shade while listening to a group of local singers start with open bird singing, Black Mountain, Ase S'maav, along with Roland Golding. Performers also included visitors Lynwood Vest, James Cuaro (Campo), Ivan and Emmett Bender (Hualapai), Ft. Yuma Pi-Pah singers, and Bo Bullchild and entourage (Cahuilla).

First up was the tiny tot division. This group from ages 0-6 danced to a couple songs offered by Noah Charles and John Yazzie. The contest was immediately followed by an Easter egg hunt with eggs colored and donated by Linda Bloxham's girls while on spring break. Each brave contested received their winnings and found their eggs.

Contest Winners:

Girls 7-12: 3rd Lauren Talaswaima; 2nd Kateri Watahomigie; 1st Sonwai Jackson

Girls 13-17: 3rd Angel Townsend; 2nd Angeline Levy; 1st Christa Carter

Women 18-49: 3rd Kimberly Durant; 2nd Amanda Parker; 1st Ana Hartt

Women 50-59: 3rd Neva Eddy; 2nd Alva Emmerson; 1st Jorgine Paya

Women 60 +: 2nd Viola Stone; 1st Lila Mae Townsend

Boys 7-12: 3rd Tyler Eswonia; 2nd Quanah Quasula; 1st Vinnie Quasula

Boys 13-17: 3rd Jose Martinez; 2nd Justin Howard; 1st Lorenzo Tahbo

Men 18-49: 3rd Joe Tortes; 2nd James Cuero; 1st C.J. Martin

Men 50-59: 1st Lynwood Vest

Men 60 +: 2nd Emmett Bender; 1st Roland Golding

Winners of the horseshoe (teams) tournament were Randy and Richard Tahbo.

Thank you to all those who participated, and we look forward to an even bigger pot next year.

Contributions were made by CRIT, Moovalya Plaza, Colorado River Residential Housing Corporation, Colorado River Building Materials, CRIT Recreation, Big River Development, and the BlueWater Resort and Casino. Volunteers included Stephanie Enas, Sonia Stone, the L. Randy Tahbo family, Sharon Burton, George Wong, John Ameelyenah, and John Villalobos.



TERO sets goals for 2008; strives to enhance services

The CRIT Tribal Employment Rights Office is committed to helping Tribal members and local Indian obtain jobs in the community.

Jobs in the private employment sector are an important resource on the Colorado River Indian Reservation.

CRIT is committed to obtaining such jobs as they become available for its members and local Indians. Furthermore, CRIT helps drive the local economy and encourages people to use local goods and services, with first preference given to tribal-owned businesses and entrepreneurs.

CRIT TERO requires all potential employers who work with the Tribes to identify their businesses and meet with the TERO Department prior to commencing business and agree to the approved compliance requirements.

TERO also serves an enforcement function by making sure a variety of compliance guidelines are met by contractors.

TERO’s objectives for 2008 are:

- Create a bank of certified trainers (in construction, retail sales, farming Equipment operators, Hazmat, etc.)
- Improve the network with Human Resources , Educational Development and Training, CRIT Planning and the Tribal Council.
- Conduct more reservation compliance checks.
- Improve the job readiness of all referrals made to contractors.
- Draft a system for certifying firms as eligible for Indian Preference.
- Create an orientation process for all skills bank applicants.
- Enhance safety requirements for applicants.

The TERO Generated Revenues from 2002 to 2007 have exceeded projections four out of six years, at a total of \$929,491.84 to CRIT.

TERO would like to thank the outgoing TERO Commissioners for their service to the commission, and encourage the community to register with the TERO skills bank and inform the department of any training that they would be interested in gaining.

TERO is looking for instructors of trades and instructors of certifications that will be necessary for our goal of preparing our members.

Finally, TERO would like to encourage all Indian owned businesses to register with TERO and submit the Contractor Compliance Plan Packet.

For more information, please contact TERO at (928) 669-1380.

fronting a three-piece band playing Top 40, dance and classic rock.

- May 13-18 — Swift Kick.
- May 20-25 — Happy, with a female fronting a four-piece band playing classic rock and variety dance music.
- May 27-June 1 — Pilot, with a female fronting a three-piece band playing Rhythm & Blues from the 50s and 60s, Top 40 dance, classic rock, Old School and disco.

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dance tunes, selections from the 50s and 60s, modern rock and alternative.

- April 8-13 — Suite 33, a high-energy variety dance band featuring Top 40, classic rock, selections from the 50s and 60s and dance music.

- April 15-20 — Swift Kick, with a female fronting a three-piece band specializing in dance music along with selections from the 50s to 90s.

- May 6-11 — Voo Doo, with a female

Birthdays and Announcements

Announcements

CRIT's Joseph Santiago, a 6th grader at Wallace Elementary, was among 250 outstanding middle school students from across the United States who took part in the the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington D.C.

The conference introduced young people to the rich tradition of leadership throughout American history, while helping them develop their own leadership skills.

Joseph's mother, Alia Santiago, wanted to pass along the following thanks:

Dustin Miller (his stepfather) and Robert Santiago (his biological father).

Mr. Kevin Khuel for acknowledging and nominating Joseph.

Ray Bernal, of Big River Development and Granthum Stevens of CRIT Johnson O'Malley, for their donation which went toward Joseph's clothing and miscellaneous items.

The CRIT Tribal Council and CRIT Career Development for their support of airfare and hotel. Rena Van Fleet of CRIT Recreation for her generosity and support for the tuition payment in whole.

Thank you Valerie Welsh-Tahbo for your immediate attention and actions in regards to our travel, and Olivia Smart for taking the time and effort in contacting me and informing me of what procedures to follow within the Career Development Office.

Special love and thank you to my dad, Orlando McCabe Sr., for donating extra spending money to Joseph, and to my mom, Angela Naranjo for watching my other two "kittens" while I was away. To my family and friends, thank you for your love and support.

Birthdays & Mother's Day

• Happy Belated Birthday to Dayah Victoria Burns (4 years old). Better late than never. I miss you and love you a lot. — Hubert T. Burns, Jr.

• April 10 — Happy Birthday to Shondiin & Shawni!

April 22 — Happy Birthday to Auntie Tina!

April 25 — Happy Birthday Bella!

April 30 — Happy Birthday Auntie Theda!

Here's wishing you all a fabulous day, love you all very much, keep reaching for the stars, and may you all walk in beauty!

From all of us at McCritters.com.

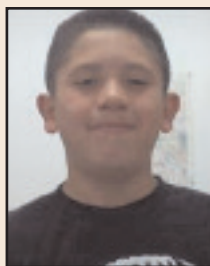
GO RED SOX!

• April 26 — Happy Birthday Wishes to Carrie Talaswaima. May you have a wonderful birthday with many more to come...always thinking of you. Love Maynie Evanston

May 15 — Happy Birthday to Maynie and Barkie. Maynie, keep on playin' your bad guitar licks and Barkie, keep on poppin' and lockin'!!!! From The Mo-Chem Crew (You Know Who!)

April 23 — Happy Administrative Professionals Day. You are the best auntie Laveal Stillman! From, Maynie & Carrie

May 11 — Happy Mother's Day Great-Grandma Henrietta "Henry" Emerson Laffoon and Marsha Emerson. You both always put others first and yourselves last...we love



your generous gift of loving, teaching, and especially your home cooking! In our hearts, you are the best! With All Our Love, From Your Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren, Leanne "Baby Henry" Talaswaima, Lauren "Lo" Talaswaima, Breanne "Bre" Talaswaima, Ryan "Deo" Takala, Shayne "Kootsyvesva" Takala

May 11 — Happy Mother's Day Sisters Ethie McCowan and Paula Evanston. Love, Maynie and Carrie

• March 4 — Happy Birthday to my nephew Isiah Esquerra, our "Honey"

March 11 — Happy Birthday to Betty Romo, my Gramma

April 5 — Happy Birthday to Tim Esquerra, my one and only Brother

April 14 — Happy Birthday to Joan Esquerra, my Mom

All My Love, Jonna Leah

• March 5 — Happy Birthday Dad, Milton Stevens, love you always, Lynnette, Monte, Granthum and Tomarco

March 5 — Happy Birthday grandpa, Milton Stevens, love you, Jaymee, Waylan, Monte Jr., Haeli and Shane

May 17 — Happy Birthday Mom, Abby, love you always, Lynnette, Monte, Granthum and Tomarco

May 17 — Happy Birthday Grandma, Abby, love you, Jaymee, Waylan, Monte Jr., Haeli and Shane

In Memory Of

Darwin Titus Welsh, Jr.

November 8, 1963-February 11, 2008

"Junior" was born to the late Darwin T. Welsh, Sr. (Mohave) and Lillian Welsh (Apache) in Phoenix. His paternal grandparents were Edna Welsh and Sylvester Cleveland, and late great-paternal grandparents Mike (Oach clan) and Bessie Arapochume Welsh, (Neolch clan). His maternal grandparents were Frank and Ethel Gusdil Wiley, Sr. of San Carlos.

Junior "Bonner 007" as he was called growing up on Second Avenue attended the Parker public schools enrolling his senior year of high school at Phoenix Indian. Prior to his graduation from Phoenix Indian and at the loss of his grandmother, he chose to come home and opted to obtain his GED. Upon receiving his GED he enrolled into Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix where he received his automotive technician's certification in 1983.

He is survived by his wife Alvora (Navajo) their children, Darwin "Titus" Welsh, III, Jamahke or "Mahke", and Lia-Sage. His mother, Lillian, sister's Doreen Pretends Eagle, Valerie (Mouse) Tahbo, of Parker and Tina Welsh of Winterhaven, CA. Brother's Michael Allen of Tempe, AZ and Clifton of Parker. On March 14, 2008, Marley Neolch Welsh was born to Mahke and Erin Fisher. It was a bitter-sweet moment for the entire family as they all knew that Junior anxiously awaited his granddaughter's birth and the times they were going to have — he burst with pride.

Junior labored in various settings as he was employed with the CRIT Maintenance Department for a time, but found that he enjoyed working as a Security Officer for the Casino best because he was amongst people enjoying themselves, he liked his co-workers, and his supervisors, they in-turn liked him.

Throughout his childhood into his adulthood alike he loved to draw, doodle, sketch and paint. His grade school teachers would often keep his



drawings and declare to his parents that he would one day be a fine artist. He sold his pieces to the CRIT Museum and others. Junior depicted onto his

artwork his culture and profound love he had for his people and his beloved Mohave Bird songs of which meant a way of life. He spoke of how he was encouraged at the youth taking on the responsibility of carrying on the bird songs today with so much enthusiasm and pride and what it would've been like if his own father a bird singer, seen the promise of today. He truly felt blessed.

The family of Junior wishes to extend their utmost gratitude to the following people who in preparation and during his final farewell gave so much of themselves:

L. Randy, Richard, Leah and Vinton Tahbo, Fawn Begaye, Vera and Ram Devi, Tim Stevens, Joanna Laffoon, Sonia Stone, Gertrude VanFleet, Larry Hammond, Stephen Scott, Heather Hill, Marla Scholl, Allen and Theresa Welsh, Sharon Burton, Priscilla Eswonia, Shirley Humeumptewa, Prudence and Beverly Miller, Gilford Amador, Anthony Drennan, Sr., Wesley Schofield, Stephanie Enas, Kathy Enas, Frank Wiley, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Ned Anderson and children, Aunt Thelma Hinton, her children and grandchildren, Pastors Vance & Sheldon Swick and Daphne Hill-Poolaw, Rev. Darrell Grissum, Donald Pretends Eagle, Mona Marie Hartt, the CRIT Museum and CRIT.

Most affectionate appreciation is bestowed to Mr. Sam Evanston, Hubert McCord Stacy Drennan, Rosanna Hills, Jonas Bobtailbear and all the bird singers (Ase S'maav past & present) who came out and lifted our spirits for a heartfelt goodbye. CRIT Fire Department for just being there specifically Mr. Cody Paddock. Finally, to all those who in some way or another treated our son/brother/father with kindness and companionship and letting him be a part of your life and your smiles or laughter. Junior will be greatly missed by his family and friends but we find comfort in knowing he was and is still very much a part of us. We sincerely apologize if we failed to mention all who are deserving of public recognition; understand that your acts of kindness have not gone unnoticed.

Submitted by: Valerie Welsh-Tahbo

The *Manataba Messenger* welcomes submissions for birthdays, graduations, announcements, obituaries, weddings and other family news. You may send submissions to feedback@critonline.com.



CRIT Briefs

News from around the CRIT Reservation

Mojave dictionary available

The CRIT Library will be taking orders for the Mojave Dictionary.

There is a limited quantity available and individuals who are interested can drop off a check or money order in the amount of \$15 (\$12 + \$3 shipping) payable to UCLA Linguistics Department.

Once the library receives at least 10 orders they will be processed. If you have any questions, call the library at (928) 669-1332.

Global Indian conference planned

A first-ever gathering of American Indian Nations featuring a trans-global conference of tribal leaders will be held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida from August 20-24.

The conference is being organized by the Native American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. Some 3,000 Indians from the U.S and Canada are expected to celebrate this event in dance, song, sports, food and golf. The four-day event will feature prominent leaders and Native celebrities from many of the 565 Indian Nations recognized by the federal government, as well as many from Canada and the Americas.

In what may also be a first for the Native American, the inaugural day of the event will feature presidential candidates invited to speak about their positions regarding native sovereignty and rights at a formal dinner for tribal leaders

and prime sponsors.

Inquiries can be addressed by email to Carroll Cocchia at cocchia1@sbcglobal.net.

Church wins CRIT basketball event

The Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ basketball team won the CRIT 2007-08 Mens Basketball League Tournament.

The tournament was held on March 8, 2008 at the Irataba Hall under the direction of CRIT Recreation Director Rena Van Fleet.

The Lily of the Valley basketball team members include Michael Carter, Jedidiah Grissum, Dustin Miller, Isiah Grissum, Michael Estrada, Aaron Grissum, Casey Kiwinumptewa, Joseph Jones, Jose Carr, Ryan McCabe and Leo Scott, Sr. The team had a season record of 14 wins and 5 loses.

Leo Scott, Sr., the team’s player/coach, said “What we worked for all season came together in the tournament. We knew we had to go 4-0 in the tournament to take the championship and we knew we had the team to do it. In the end we accomplished our goal that we set for ourselves in the beginning of the season, which was to win the tournament. Lily of the Valley won the championship, but GOD gets the GLORY and the PRAISE for this accomplishment.”

Poston effort seeks donations

Submitted by the Poston Restoration Project

What do you know about Poston? How much do your children and grandchildren know about Poston? Time is running out. There are many original Poston camp structures remaining, but they are rapidly deteriorating.

Help us save the remaining structures and

restore them. We want to create a learning and family museum and research center at Poston and leave a legacy for future generations.

Make checks payable to” Poston Restoration Project” and mail to:

Marlene Shigekawa, Treasurer
956 Hawthorne Drive
Lafayette, CA 94549-4640

Cleaning out your garage? Keep our project in mind and donate Poston era items. They can be preserved and put on display in our museum.

Don’t throw away pieces of Poston’s history. You can get a tax deduction too!

For more information on donating Poston artifacts and items, contact Dianne Kiyomoto at (559) 431-9728 or kueyd@yahoo.com, or Jay Cravath at (928) 231-9754 or cravath@gmail.com.

The Poston Community Alliance, Inc is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Yuman language event planned

Native American Tribes from across the Western United States will gather at the Barona Convention Center for the 6th Annual Yuman Family Language Summit from April 29 through May 1.

This year’s conference is entitled “Sixteen Languages, One Family” and will celebrate the culture and traditions of the Yuman Nation, which encompass Tribes spanning from Southern California to the Grand Canyon to northern Baja, Mexico. The event is \$40 pre-paid and \$80 at the door. For registration information, contact Toni Carlyle at the SRPMIC O’Odham Piipaash Language Program at (480) 850-4709 or visit www.barona-nsn.gov.

CRIT Perfect School Attendance & Honor Roll

The following CRIT students were recognized by the Parker Unified School District for perfect attendance or the school Honor Roll. Congratulations to all the children and their families for their hard work!

Blake School: Perfect Attendance

Titus Warner (Kindergarden)
Alejandro Castro (1st Grade)
Jullian Flores (2nd Grade)
Annie Carlyle (3rd Grade)
Titus Duckey (3rd Grade)

Wallace Elementary: Perfect Attendance

Ryan Cooper (4th Grade)
Cassidy Martinez (4th Grade)
Jeramicha Sands (4th Grade)
Lainee Scott (4th Grade)
Stacia Scott (4th Grade)
Kyla Silva (4th Grade)
Tianna Robledo (5th Grade)
Elijah Silva (5th Grade)
Mariqua Booth (6th Grade)
Michael Brenner (6th Grade)
Nina Drennan (6th Grade)

Tylor Harper (6th Grade)
Ramiro Martinez (6th Grade)
Carrigan McCowan (6th Grade)
Bryan Miller (6th Grade)

Wallace Junior High School: Perfect Attendance

Bow Evanston (7th Grade)
Cameron Booth (7th Grade)
Vanessa Olivares (7th Grade)
Rosalyn Carlyle (7th Grade)
Nicholas Martinez (7th Grade)
Brie Miller (7th Grade)
Justeendanielle McCowan (7th Grade)
Dayleen Leivas (7th Grade)
Narcisse McCowan (7th Grade)

Le Pera Elementary School

Guillermo Escoto
Domingo Esquerra
Han avaa Esquerra
Lorena Flores
Laytoya Harper
William Howard
Kiiyaannii McCabe
Brandi Scott
Destinee Swick

Marcus Tuchawena
Daniel Webb

Wallace Elementary School: Honor Roll

Julia Scott (4th Grade)
Mariah Sharpe (4th Grade)
Ryan Cooper (4th Grade)
Kristian Nopah (4th Grade)
Darian Flores (4th Grade)
Jeramicha Sands (4th Grade)
Riley Fisher (5th Grade)
Jayann Peck (5th Grade)
Adrianna Stevens (5th Grade)
Nikolas Hooper (5th Grade)
Becky Hunter (5th Grade)
Shayleen Russell (5th Grade)
Joseph Santiago (6th Grade)

Wallace Junior High School: Honor Roll

Talia Chavez (7th Grade)
Alyana Amador (7th Grade)
Cameron Booth (7th Grade)
Vanessa Olivares (7th Grade)
Anthony Honadick (7th Grade)
Tara Fernandez (8th Grade)
Raymond Gomez (8th Grade)

Olivia Humeumptewa (8th Grade)
Anthony Stone (8th Grade)
Fawn White (8th Grade)

Le Pera: Honor Roll

Alexandria Alvarado (4th Grade)
John Gomez (4th Grade)
Jessica Moore (5th Grade)
Lisa Logan (5th Grade)
Nicholas Ameelyenah (5th Grade)
Allison McCabe (6th Grade)
Magnus Deysie (6th Grade)
Jamil Gary (8th Grade)
Isiah Eswonia (8th Grade)

Wallace Elementary School: Principal’s Honor Roll

Stacia Scott (4th Grade)
Lainee Scott (4th Grade)
Cassandra Miller (4th Grade)
Tianna Robledo (5th Grade)
Taylor Gonzalez (5th Grade)

Le Pera Elementary School: Principal’s Honor Roll

Brandi Scott (7th Grade)
Guillermo Escoto (8th Grade)

Special Education training available

Important information to be provided for parents on April 9 at BlueWater

The Arizona Center for Disability Law will be conducting an intensive training designed for parents with children in special education programs.

The training will take place on Wednesday, April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon or 6-9 p.m. at the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

If you have questions about the special education process, your child’s Individual Education Plan (IEP), your child’s discipline, transition services or your rights, this is a good opportunity to get more information.

This free training will provide in-depth information on the procedural safeguards set forth in the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act of 2004, Bureau of Indian

Education and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Highlights of the training include the evaluation process, the IEP development, appropriate placement and transition services.

In addition, the training will provide parents with practical advice and strategies for developing self-advocacy skills.

For more information, or to reserve space in one of the trainings, please contact the Arizona Center for Disability Law at (800) 927-2260 or e-mail kroberts@azdisabilitylaw.org.

Please notify the center as soon as possible if you need any accommodations or are unable to keep your reservation.

You may also obtain the Arizona Center for Disability Law’s self-advocacy guides and other training opportunities through the organization’s web site at www.azdisabilitylaw.org.

Library offers classes

The CRIT Library is offering a variety of computer training classes in April for CRIT Tribal members.

The classes, which are held in both the morning and afternoon, include:

- Introduction to Computers
- Microsoft Windows for Beginners
- MS PowerPoint I: The Basics
- MS PowerPoint II: The Basics
- Introduction to Digital Cameras
- Beginning Microsoft Access
- Microsoft Word, Part I and II
- Mail Merge
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Internet Part I and II

For more information or to sign up for the classes, contact the CRIT Library at (928) 669-1332, or visit the Library web site at www.critlibrary.com.

Conference to give information about children’s health

“Growing Healthy Kids!” will work to teach parents developmental tips

CRIT and the Parker Indian Health Center are teaming up to sponsor “Growing Healthy Kids! An Early Childhood Conference.”

The conference will take place on April 23 and 24 at the BlueWater Resort & Casino.

The conference will focus on a number of different areas where parents can make sure their kids grow and develop in a healthy way. Some of those areas include:

- Understanding normal developmental milestones.
- Medical concerns and perspectives.
- Proper feeding and nutrition for children.
- Early childhood literacy.
- Fetal alcohol syndrome and drug effects.
- Food safety training.
- Stress management.
- Cultural training of a child.
- Diabetes prevention.
- Car seats.

The two-day event will include two specific sessions. The first session will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 23, and the second session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on April 24.

For more information on the event, contact Tim Oliver with the Parker Indian Health Center at (928) 669-2137.

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Newborns to 5 years

- 3 to 4 year olds**
- ☺ Developmental Screening
 - ☺ Physical Exam
 - ☺ Information regarding child’s development
- 0 to 2 year olds**
- ☺ Developmental Screening
 - ☺ Hooked up with Health providers

Date: **Thursday, April 17, 2008 - (9:00am – 1:30 pm)**

Where: **CRIT Head Start Center located on the corner of Mohave & Indian School Road in Parker Valley 18026 Mohave Road**

- Required for Head Start Sign-up
- ☺ Must be 3 years old before September 1
 - ☺ Birth certificate
 - ☺ Immunization record
 - ☺ Bring two (2) recent payroll check stub or W-2 or TANF letter or IRS Form 1040-1040a or Social Security Award letter or Unemployment Insurance letter
 - ☺ CRIT member children, bring Tribal enrollment certificate

Child does NOT need to be potty trained
Head Start also serves children with disabilities

Questions?
Call Head Start (928) 662-4311
Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

This event is supported by the following organizations:
Indian Health Services, Parker School District, Arizona Early Intervention Program, W.I.C. Program, La Paz County Health Department

La Paz County Fair brings good times to CRIT



The La Paz County Fair was held once again this year in mid-March, and included all the fun, games and competitions that make the event so special. The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Fair was the official kickoff of the event, and included two 4-H leaders, Miss La Paz County and CRIT Royalty.

CRIT job listings now available in *Messenger*, online



The CRIT Human Resources Department has begun posting job openings with the Tribes online and in the *Manataba Messenger*. Here's a current listing of positions available (subject to change):

Position: Tribal Planner
Posted: March 25, 2008
Close date: April 25, 2008

Position: Administrative Assistant
Department: Aha'khav Tribal Preserve
Posted: March 21, 2008
Close date: April 15, 2008

Position: Surveillance Operator
Department: Tribal Gaming Agency
Posted: March 14, 2008

Position: Scale Clerk
Department: Poston Solid Waste
Posted: March 13, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Aha Quin Manager
Posted: March 12, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Heavy Duty Mechanic, Welding & Maintenance
Department: Colorado River Sand & Rock Enterprise
Posted: March 12, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Sales Manager/Batch Plant Operator
Department: Colorado River Sand & Rock Enterprise
Posted: March 11, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: General Manager
Department: Colorado River Sand & Rock Enterprise
Posted: March 7, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: Janitor
Posted: March 6, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Position: RV Park Assistant Manager
Department: Big River Development Enterprises
Posted: January 24, 2008

Position: Dispatcher
Department: CRIT Law & Order
Posted: January 24, 2008
Close date: Open until filled

Job descriptions, salary details and other key information are available at the Tribal web site, www.critonline.com.

To apply for any of these positions, or for more information, please contact the CRIT Human Resources Department at 26600 Mohave Road, Parker, 85344, or call them at (928) 669-1321.



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www.critonline.com

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Eddy Jr. released a statement concerning the issue after Johnson's group went to the media with their claims.
"The Water Wheel Resort operates on our land in California. Their lease expired after eight years of insufficient and non-payment. Whether one owns property like we do in California or a private person may in Parker or Blythe, it is the property owner's right to decide whether to renew an expired lease or not.
"We have exercised our rights as any property owner would. Besides, when people do not pay the set amounts it deprives our people, the owners of these lands, of the resources they need and deserve for elder, youth and other critical Tribal services.
"We also want to ensure a quality operation at the Water Wheel Resort. Residents there deserve the best experience possible. So long as rents are timely and appropriately paid, we envision no changes. CRIT continues to enjoy outstanding relationships with literally hundreds of businesses

WAL-MART,
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moving forward."
As proposed, the new store will be about 100,000 square feet and include groceries and general merchandise.
The center will include a variety of other stores as well.
CRIT will be leasing the other parts of the property so that it has control over the types of businesses that come into the community and can secure the revenue streams created from those stores.
Wal-Mart will account for 11 acres of the 23-

across our lands. They provide critical jobs and revenues. The operators of the Water Wheel Resort have been an exception to the vast majority of businesses that professionally conduct themselves on our lands."
The group asserts that residents have been unfairly evicted from CRIT lease properties in the past. However, CRIT has only evicted residents in case of non-payment of rent or other significant evictable offenses.
"It certainly is not in our best interest to evict lessees who are paying their rent and being responsible with the properties they are leasing," Eddy Jr. said.
Other lessees have complained because they wanted to make improvements on their properties that CRIT determined were counterproductive to Tribal interests. As the property owner, CRIT has a right to determine how its property is developed.
"Clearly, the end game here for this small group of people is to try to strip our land away from us," Eddy Jr. said. "We will never take such a threat lightly. We are exceedingly confident in our legal standing on these issues, and will continue to work to make sure these lands are protected and productive for our people."

acre shopping center site. CRIT will control the other 12 acres.
"It's a significant opportunity for CRIT to generate revenue for Tribal services and new jobs for Tribal members," Eddy said.
Wal-Mart is currently in the process of moving some of the power lines on the site in advance of construction.
In addition to creating more shopping choices for area residents and tribal members, the economic impact and job creation from the shopping center will be substantial.
The new Wal-Mart store will create an estimated 200 new jobs and up to \$400,000 per year in sales tax revenue for CRIT, which will help fund youth, elder and other important programs.



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